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Wednesday, 28 December 1955

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Kirkpatrick,
[redacted], Sheldon, Lloyd, [redacted]

General Cabell:

a. Noted that the Department of State had asked for CIA's concurrence from an intelligence viewpoint on a proposed cable to various US Embassies soliciting their comments on East-West exchanges as a result of Geneva and asked DD/I to read our reply (which in effect concurs that such a message be sent). After some discussion this reply was concurred in by those present. [redacted] raised the point as to whether we could quote the intelligence community as concurring, and Mr. Amory indicated that this could be done and documented. In this connection Mr. Amory recommended that the exchange of correspondence between State and CIA on this matter be circulated to the members of the IAC. The Acting Director approved.
ACTION: DD/I.

b. Referred to a recent case in which a Chief of Station had fired one of his subordinates and returned him to headquarters where as a result of a difference of opinion in this individual's division he had been put on six months' probation. Subsequent to this action this man was placed before an Employment Review Board which General Cabell said could do no more than back up the decision to place him on probation. General Cabell pointed out that in discussing this case with the Members of the Board and the man's division chief it had been determined that he could in all probability only perform creditably in one particular job and that in a restricted area. General Cabell said that his purpose in bringing this case to the attention of those present was to make clear that Boards would not be used to adjudicate differences of opinion.

c. Referred to a recent serious security breach in [redacted] wherein one of our officers left his luggage and a briefcase containing classified cables, dispatches, and other documents concerning a covert project in the custody of a hotel employee and upon returning found his luggage but the briefcase missing. General Cabell said he had discussed this matter with Mr. [redacted] who in turn together with Security had drafted an appropriate memo on this matter to be sent to all field stations at home and

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abroad directing that security practices be reviewed and further insuring all personnel are following regulations, particularly with respect to the physical handling of classified material when it is moved from outside its normal office areas. General Cabell remarked that in his opinion this memo should be dispatched over the signature of the deputies concerned. This was agreed to and copies were furnished those present. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that a paragraph be added pointing out that the locked trunk of an automobile is no safe place to leave classified material since in a recent instance this had been done, the car stolen and the material reported missing. General Cabell approved.

d. Reminded those present of the periodic briefings conducted by [] of newly assigned officers to the intelligence components of the Armed Services and noted that these briefings had been going extremely well. He asked those present that when called upon by [] to make a few remarks that every effort be made to do so since these briefings afforded an excellent opportunity for a little missionary work on our part.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that [] is here on a visit and was willing to give us a debriefing. It was agreed that this would be done and General Cabell indicated his intention of attending.

b. Referred to a memo sent to him and DD/I from Stan Grogan respecting press interest in the alleged reduction of the Soviet Military Budget and asked what CIA policy should be in responding to inquiries received on this matter from members of the press. After some discussion it was agreed these people would be referred to the Department of State since it has already taken action in commenting on this subject. ACTION: DD/I. Mr. Amory suggested we might wish to inform certain members of the press that CIA in general agreed with the information put out by State.

c. Referred to [] proposal respecting loosening restrictions on trade with [] and noted that the Director had generally indicated his approval from an intelligence viewpoint. Mr. Wisner said he intended to discuss this further with Livingston Merchant in the Department of State.

Mr. []

Reported that the SE Division and TSS had agreed to the IG's recommendation that a representative of TSS be sent to [] to coordinate all TSS matters at that station.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Discussed Congressional matters to be followed up with the new Congress when it convenes.

Mr. Amory:

25X1 a. Referred to a proposal by Nelson Rockefeller respecting chairmanship of the OCB and Mr. Wisner noted that the DCI and [] are working on this problem.

25X1 b. Noted his deep concern over [] speech on labor unions in [] Mr. [] said that [] is rather unmanageable and in all probability it would be most difficult to get him to change his remarks.

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